

Remarks

This Amendment is submitted in response to the office action mailed November 3, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application (hereinafter, the "Office Action"). The Office Action provided a three-month shortened statutory period in which to response, ending on February 3, 2005. Accordingly, this Amendment is timely submitted.

Claims 1, 3, and 5 through 13 are currently pending. Applicants respectfully request the entry of the amendments to Claims 1 and 3. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the pending claims do not introduce any new matter.

Amendments to the Claims

Applicants respectfully request the amendment to Claim 1 be entered to correct the prior typographical errors. Applicants have replaced "R3" and "R4" with " R_3 " and " R_4 " respectively in the third sentence because the text as previously written had been missing subscripts. Furthermore, a semicolon was added within the third sentence.

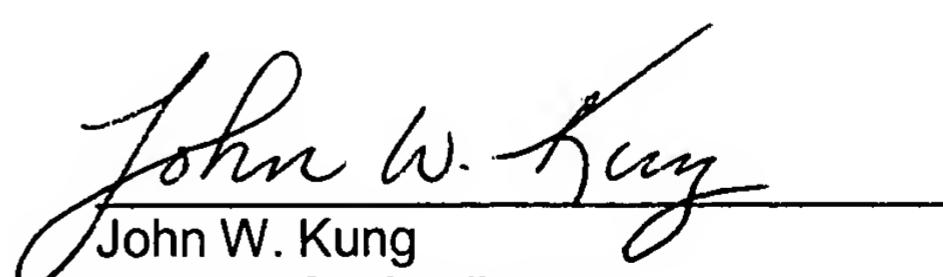
Applicants respectfully also request the entry of the amendment to Claim 3. This amendment corrects the dependency of Claim 3 on Claim 1.

Obvious-Type Double Patenting

Claims 1, 4 and 6 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 10-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,596,877 to Shieh et al. Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer referencing U.S. Patent No. 6,596,877. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection has been overcome.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing the prosecution of this application, Applicants' undersigned attorney invites the Examiner to telephone him at the telephone number provided below.

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